capacity utilization in the country during the last three years;

(b) the quantity of oil imported in the country year-wise during the last three years with percentage of such imports in the total imports of the country;

(c) the foreign exchange spent year-wise during the last three years for oil imports; and

(d) the expenditure in Indian currency year-wise during the last three years, on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The details of crude oil production, refining capacity and capacity i utilised during the last three years are as follows:—

(Fiqures in MMT)

| Year | Prod uctionlns of crude oil | tailed refining capacity | Capacity utilisation |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 26.95 | 51.85 | 53.48 |
| 1993-94 | 27.02 | 52.75 | 54.29 |
| 1994-95 | 32.24 | 56.53 | |
| | 53.40 | | |

(b) to (d) The details of the quantity of oil imports, percentage of imports to total import of the country and its value during the last three years are given below:—

| Year | Quantity of oil/ POL products imports (MMT) | % of oil /POL products imports to total imports of the country | Value of oil/POL imports (Million USS) | Value of imports in Indian currency (Rs. Crores) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 40.53 | 26.9 | 6076 | 17046 |
| 1993-94 | 42.89 | 24.4 | 5471 | 17730 |
| 1994-95 | 41.30 | 20.1 | 5485 | 17838 |

**Crimes Against SCs, STs Women and OBCs**

*36. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the year-wise and State-wise details of crimes committed during the last three years against SCs, STs, Women and Other Backward Classes with category-wise break-up thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): The details are given in the Annexure. *[See* appendix 176, Annexure No. 7]

**मध्य प्रदेश हेतु बाहर परियोजना का अनुमोदन**

*37.**श्री राघवजी** : क्या पर्यावरण और बन मंत्री 16 अगस्त , 1995 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न 202 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने वाह परियोजना का पुनरीक्षण कर लिया हैं और उसे केन्द्र सरकार को भेज दिया है; यदि हां तो इस संबंध मे अब तक क्या प्रगति हुई है;

(ख) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार को मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से उस राज्य के विदिशा जिले में गहन सिंचाई योजना के संबंध में कोई औपचरिक प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं?

**पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट)** : (क) राज्य सरकार ने विदिश जिले के वाह सिचाई परियोजना का कार्यक्षेत्र बदल दिया हैं और इस पर पुनर्विचार करने का अनुरोध किया हैं। प्रस्ताव की पुनः जांच करने के बाद राज्य सरकार से कतिपय अनिवार्य ब्यौरें मांगे गए हैं ताकि केन्द्र सरकार पर्यावरणीय और वनिकी दृष्टि से प्रस्ताव का मूल्यांकन कर सकें।

(ख) और (ग) वन संरक्षण अधिनियम ,1980 के तहत मध्य प्रदेश राज्य सरकार से ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ।

**Telephone Connections on Demand in North-East Region**

*38 SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Action-plan to provide telephone connections on demand to consumers of North-East region as whole and particularly Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stage of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The waiting list as on 31st March, 1995 was 23355 in NE Region (including 15028 in Assam). The Department has plans to provide 30,700 telephone connections in NE Region during 1995-96 (Including 14600 in Assam). This will not only clear most of the waiting list as on 31st March, 1995 but will also enable to provide new connection to some of those applicants registered during the current year 1995-96.

National Telecom Policy 1994 however envisages to provide telephone on demand throughout the country including NE region by 1997.

The waiting period for telephone connection is likely to be brought down significantly by 31st March, 1996 at most of the places in NE region including Assam.

**Productivity of Hooghly Dock and Port Engineering Ltd. (HDPEL)**

*39. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1130 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th August, 1995 and state:

(a) whether a short term plan for revival of HDPEL had been examined by an expert group;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report to Government;

(c) whether Government have agreed, in principle, to revive the company; and

(d) if so, the envisaged zero date for implementation of the revival plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJA-SEKARA MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Inter-ministeri^l consultations on the report arc in progress.

**News regarding use of cow fat by Pepsi Co.**

*40 SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the press news-item captioned "Pepsi uses cow fat in chewinggums" as reported in 'Pioneer' dated 8th February, 1996;